REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective of M. 29, 2000, provides for the continued examination of a utility or rang application files and after June 8, 1995.

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) Instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat Office (April 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

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1.	1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114				
a.		Previ	riously submitted		
	i.	⊠	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on <u>July 1, 2004</u> (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)		
	ii.		Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on		
	iii.		Other		
b.	o. ⊠ Enclosed				
	i.		Amendment/Reply 09/20/2004 HVU0N61 00000033 09044030		
	ii.		Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:1801 770.00 QP		
	iii.		Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)		
	iv.	\boxtimes	Other Petition for Extension of Time		
2.	2. Miscellaneous				
a.	Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)				
b.					
3.	The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.				
a.	☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.				
	i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)				
-	ii. Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)				
	iii.	□ Ot	her		
b.	⊠ (Check	in the amount of \$1,610.00 is enclosed.		

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